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Application No.	:	10/806,288	Confirmation No: 1848
Applicant	:	Bengt GUSS	
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Title	:	NEW FIBRINOGEN BINDING PROTEIN ORIGINATING FROM COAGULASE-NEGATIVE STAPHYLOCOCCUS	
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement of July 23, 2004, in connection with the above identified application.

As understood, the restriction urges that there are three separate and distinct inventions claimed in the present application as set forth on page 2 of the Official Action. Applicants elect the Group I invention directed to antibodies raised against a *Staphylococcus epidermidis* polypeptide having fibrinogen binding activity and having the amino acid sequence SEQ ID NO:13. This election is made with traverse with respect to the election of species as set forth in the election requirement.

In this regard, the sequence NO:13 is a shorter version of the protein sequence NO:15. It is Applicants' position that after examination of the elected invention, this will be found allowable and the search will extend the protection also of sequence NO:15 and the fusion proteins of the protein NO:15 or the polypeptide NO:13. In this regard, Applicants understand paragraph 9 of the Official Action to acknowledge rejoinder of process claims to product claims once the product claims are found to be patentable. It is believed that rejoinder is in order and is most respectfully requested.

The Applicant is not aware of any antibodies raised against the *Staphylococcus epidermidis* protein or polypeptide of the protein.

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In view of the above election with traverse, an early and favorable action on the merits of the claims is now in order taking into consideration the prior art and the prosecution in the parent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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